

Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to address you on the Raised House Bill No. 6657, I am the mother of two young women who from age four to eleven were repeatedly sexually abuse by my licensed daycare provider's son.

Francisco Linarte was found guilty of five counts of sexual assault in the first degree and five counts of risk of injury to a child. He was sentenced to 40 years suspended after twenty years. His actual crime was much greater than that, we will never know the extent of his crime.

Judge John KAVanesky Stated when sentencing Francisco, "That Mr Linarte must be punished for what he has done to these girls and for the safety of the community, for the safety of other young victims, potential victims in the community, that he may have the opportunity to interact with in the future as he goes through life."

I strongly agree with this statement. The only reason I found out about the abuse had occurred was because my daughter believed another child was in danger of being victimized by Frankie. She did not want what happened to her happen to young girl. As I am sure you know the majority of sexual assaults are not reported and the recidivism rate for non family sexual offenders is extremely high, and these rates do not drop until the criminal is age fifty.

I can understand why with the state in the current economic climate cuts need to be made in the budget, but I do not believe that violent offenders, particularly pedophiles should be included in this group. The cost saving of releasing these offenders early, will be negated by the cost of reprosecuting them, even if only a portion of them reoffend. I am aware of the rights of the criminal which are many and very well documented, and the rights of the victims which are not so well protected.

It was ten years from the crime until Francisco's last legal remedy was exhausted. Cases which you and I paid for. Cases my daughters paid for every time they attended these trials, sentence reviews, and writs of Habeas. They forced to listen to the Linarte's attempts to drag them through the mud every time. My daughters needed to be there to try and insure that Frankie paid for what he did to them.

Imagine how upset we were to find out Frankie was retroactively getting 5 days off for every 30 days he was in jail

I am sure he has not reoffended since 2004, there are not too many little girls running around the prison system for him to touch and assault. My daughters have been paying for Frankie's crime since they were four, they have not received any time off for good behavior. The least that can happen is Frankie serves 85% of his full sentence prior to being eligible for release. I don't believe Frankie should or any other violent offender should be included in this program.

I have statement from my two daughters, Elizabeth and Katherine I hope you will read them and if you need a reason for repealing the risk reduction credit for violent offender think of my daughters.

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